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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of	Kazuhiro TAKAHASHI, et al.
Serial No.	Not Yet Assigned
Filing Date	Herewith
Title	TITANIUMS HAVING EXCELLENT IMPACT RESISTANCE AND MANUFACTURING METHODS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend claim 4 as follows:

4. (Amended) A method for manufacturing the titanium with excellent impact resistance according to claim 1 in which annealing is applied before or during forming so that Vickers hardness Hv* in the cross-sectional area of the formed product satisfies one of said equations (1), (2) and (3).

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted to eliminate multiple dependent claims.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of the present application is new, non-obvious, and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the title by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Versions with markings to show changes made."

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Claim 4 has been amended as follows:

4. A method for manufacturing the titanium with excellent impact resistance according to [claim 2 or claim 3] claim 1 in which annealing is applied before or during forming so that Vickers hardness Hv* in the cross-sectional area of the formed product satisfies one of said equations (1), (2) and (3).